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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

ATTENTION :

FROM :

Chief, CIA/NPIC (NPIC)

SUBJECT :

Wuhan Cement Plant, China

REFERENCE :

- (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR3-80,414
- (2) CIA/NPIC Project No. C 1038/63

1. This memorandum is in answer to the above referenced requirement which requests an analysis concerning the operational status and illustrations of the cement plant located at Wuhan, Communist China.

2. The cement plant at Wuhan is labeled "Plant No. 1" on the photo enlargement (CIA/NPIC/IB-P-479/63), which is enclosed with this memorandum. No smoke can be seen emitting from the stacks of this plant but dust is rising from one of the processing buildings. Therefore, at the time of photography the kiln was not in operation but some crushing or grinding was being performed. This plant was designed to have two rotary kilns but only one of them has been completed. Construction of the second kiln does not seem to be proceeding since no kiln sections have been stored in the vicinity of the plant. The facility adjacent to the cement plant, on its northeast side, appears to be a cement products plant and storage yard.

3. The facility labeled "Plant No. 2" on the above mentioned illustration has many of the characteristics of a cement plant, but does not appear to be one. The north building could house two short kilns. The middle building could be the clinker storage and grinding building. The south building, which is adjacent to the railroad, has six silos associated with it and could be the bulk storage and packaging facilities. In order for this plant to produce cement it should also have stacks for the kilns, a limestone crushing area and some means of charging the kiln. Since these facilities are not present this plant probably is not a cement plant. The possibility also exists that these missing facilities have not as yet been constructed, but due to the lack of construction activity in this area it does not appear that they will be built in the near future.

4. The area labeled "Plant No. 3" on the above mentioned illustration is a cement plant under construction. When this plant is completed it will have two rotary kilns and a wet process will be used. The stack and six slurry tanks have been completed. The cylindrical kiln sections can be seen in storage just south of the plant. It appears that the construction of this plant has ceased.

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5. The analyst on this project was [redacted] who may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

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1 Photo (CIA/PID/IB-P-479/63)

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